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Noz slacke at this bargyn

Mary here he comyth I haue hym aspyde

No moze woꝝdis stonde thou a syde

foꝝ it is he playne

coz.

B

My frynde where abowt goist thou all day

Mary syꝝ I came heder to a say

whedyr these folke had ben here

And yet thay be not come

So helpe me god and holydome

Of that I haue moche maruaile/that thay tar

coz.

B

Mary go thi way/a wit where thay wyll oꝝ

Cye god abow shall I so

coz.

B

Cye mary so I say

Cyet in that poynt as semyth me

ye do not accoꝝdyng to your degre

coz.

B

I pray the tell me why

Mary it wolde be com them well I now

To be here a foze and to wayte vpon you

And not you to tary

foꝝ theyt lay syr and abyde them here

As it were one that were ledde by the eare

foꝝ that I desy

By this mene you sholde be theyt druge

I tell you tought I

And yet the woꝝst that greueth me

Is that your aduersary sholde in you se

So notable I foly

Therfoze withdꝛaw you foꝝ a seasonē

coz.

B

By seynt Johan thou sayst but reasone

Cye do so hardely

And whan the tyme dꝛawith vpon

That thay be com euerychone

And all thinge redy

¶ Than shall I come straight a way  
To leche you without delay  
¶ Be it so hardely  
But one thinge whyle I thiuke ther one  
Remēber this when I am gone  
Yef hit happon so  
That lucrez come in fyrst alone  
Go in hand with her anone  
How so euer thou do  
For to fele her mynde toward me  
And by all meanis possyble to be  
In duce her ther vnto  
¶ Than some token you must gyue me  
For ellis she wyll not beleue me  
That I cam from you  
¶ Mary that is eyn wysely spoken  
Comaunde me to her by the same token  
She knowyth it well I now  
That as she and I walkyde onis to gedyr  
In her garden hedyr and thedyr  
There happonde a straunge case  
For at the last we dyd se  
Abyrde sittynge on a holow tre  
In alse I trow it was  
Anone she prayde me for to assay  
Yf I coude start the byrde a way  
¶ And dyde ye so / alas alas  
¶ Why the deuyl sayst thou so  
¶ By collis bontis for it was a kocke  
And men say amonge  
He that throwyth stone at stycke  
At suche abynde he is lycke  
To lunge that byrdes songe

coz. What the deuyl recke I therfore  
Here what I say to the euer moze  
And marke thine erand well  
By I had no stone to thzow with all  
And therfore she toke me her must ball  
And thus it befell  
I kyst it as strayght as ony pole  
So that it lyghtyde eyn in the hole  
Of the holow ashe  
Now canst thou remeber all this

B By god I wolde be loth to do amys  
foz some tyme I am full rashe  
ye say that ye kyst it eyn in the hole  
Of the holow ashe as strapte as apole  
Sayde ye not so

coz. Yes.

B Well then let me a lone  
As foz this erande it shall be done  
As sone as ye be go

coz. Fare well then I leue the here  
And remebyr well all this gere  
How so euer thou do Et exeat corne

B Yes hardely this erande shall be spoken  
But how say you syz by this tokene  
Is it not a quaynt thinge  
I went he hade bene a sayd man  
But I se well he is amade man  
In this messlage doyng  
But what chose he foz me  
I am but as a messenger perde  
The blame shall not be myne but his  
foz I wyll his token repozte  
whether she take it in her nest o2 spozte



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wyl not therof mys  
e she wroth o2 well a payde  
wyl tell her euyn as he sayde **¶** **Intrat lucre.**  
God a bow here she is  
t is tyme for me to be wylse  
ow welcome lady. floure of pryse  
haue sought you twyse o2 thryse  
ythin this houre I wys  
He sy? haue ye sought me  
ye that I haue by god that bowght me  
To what intent  
Mary for I haue thing is a few  
he which I must to you shew  
p my maysters comaundement  
ublius Corneliug is hys name  
ur veray loue in payne of shame  
id yf ye loue hym not ye be to blame  
o2 this dare I say.  
id on a boke make it gode  
e louyd you better than his one hart blode  
Hys harde bloode nay nay  
all that loue wolde serue for me  
yet sithe he dyde you fyrst se  
n the place where he dwellis  
e had louyd you so in hys hart  
hat he settyth not by hym self a fart  
o2 by noo man ellis  
id by cause ye shulde gyue credence  
nto my sayng in hys absence  
id trust to that I say  
e tolde me tokyns. ii. o2. iii.  
liche I know well as he tolde me  
Tokyns what be thay

